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RE: Docket No. 97N-0074

Dear Sir or Madam:

The president's food and safety plan needs to be approached from a different angle. The food and safety hazards first need to be addressed at the source, with mandatory safeguards at the animal production stage.

These include more humane and hygienic treatment and conditions for farm animals. Short of this, any food safety plan is doomed to fail.

Regulatory authority at the production stage must be expanded with adequate funding actively sought.

I urge you to review my thoughts and re-approach this plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

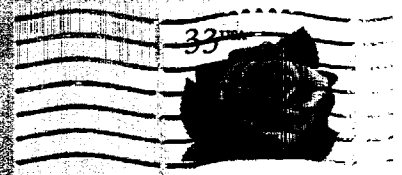
Sincerely,

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